

**COMBINED DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
(Includes Reference to Provisional and PCT International Applications)

Attorney's Docket No.

022701-914

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

HEAT THICKENING COMPOSITION FOR COATING BATHS BASED ON A COPOLYMER HAVING A LOW

CRITICAL SOLUBILITY TEMPERATURE

the specification of which (check only one item below):

☐ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed as United States application

Number \_\_\_\_\_

on \_\_\_\_\_

and was amended

on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

☒ was filed as PCT international application

Number PCT/FR99/01525

on 24 June 1999

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on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (a)-(e) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

**PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119:**

COUNTRY (if PCT, indicate "PCT")	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119
FR	98/08171	26 June 1998	<u>X</u> Yes <u>  </u> No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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**COMBINED DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY (CONT'D)**  
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to the patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

**PRIOR U.S. APPLICATIONS OR PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS DESIGNATING THE U.S. FOR BENEFIT UNDER 35 U.S.C. §120:**

U.S. APPLICATIONS		STATUS (check one)		
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I hereby appoint the following attorneys and agent(s) to prosecute said application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and to file, prosecute and to transact all business in connection with international applications directed to said invention:

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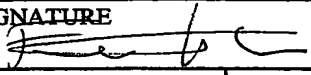


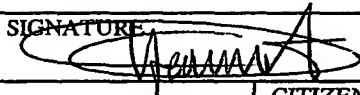
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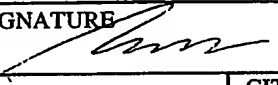
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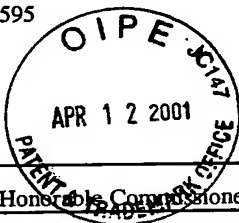
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WHEREAS, the Assignors have invented certain new and useful improvements in HEAT THICKENING COMPOSITION FOR COATING BATHS BASED ON A COPOLYMER HAVING A LOW CRITICAL SOLUBILITY TEMPERATURE set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States,

- (1) ☐ which is a provisional application
  - (a) ☐ to be filed herewith; or
  - (b) ☐ bearing Application No.      and filed on     ; or
- (2) ☒ which is a non-provisional application
  - (a) ☐ having an oath or declaration executed on even date herewith prior to filing of application;
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or
  - (c) ☐ to be filed; and

WHEREAS, RHODIA CHIMIE, a corporation duly organized under and pursuant to the laws of FRANCE and having its principal place of business at 25, QUAI PAUL DOUMER, F-92408 COURBEVOIE CEDEX, FRANCE (hereinafter referred to as "the Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said inventions, the right to file applications on said inventions and the entire right, title and interest in and to any applications, including provisional applications for Letters Patent of the United States or other countries claiming priority to said application, and in and to any Letters Patent or Patents, United States or foreign, to be obtained therefor and thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and sufficient consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignors have sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns the entire right, title, and interest in and to the above-mentioned inventions, the right to file applications on said inventions and the entire right, title and interest in and to any applications for Letters Patent of the United States or other countries claiming priority to said applications, and any and all Letters Patent or Patents of the United States of America and all foreign countries that may be granted therefor and thereon, and in and to any and all applications claiming priority to said applications, divisions, continuations, and continuations-in-part of said applications, and reissues and extensions of said Letters Patent or Patents, and all rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee, for its own use and behalf and the use and behalf of its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which Letters Patent or Patents may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the Assignors had this sale and assignment not been made;

AND for the same consideration, the Assignors hereby covenant and agree to and with the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, that, at the time of execution and delivery of these presents, the Assignors are the sole and lawful owners of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the inventions set forth in said applications and said applications, including provisional applications, above-mentioned, and that the same are unencumbered, and that the

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
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AND for the same consideration, the Assignors hereby covenant and agree to and with the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, that, at the time of execution and delivery of these presents, the Assignors are the sole and lawful owners of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the inventions set forth in said applications and said applications, including provisional applications, above-mentioned, and that the same are unencumbered, and that the

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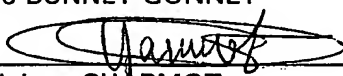
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Assignors have good and full right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same in the manner herein set forth;

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AND the Assignors hereby authorize and request the attorneys of BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P. of Alexandria, Virginia to insert in the spaces provided above the filing date, application number, and attorney docket number of said application when known.

AND the Assignors hereby request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all said Letters Patent of the United States to the Assignee as the Assignee of said inventions, the Letters Patent to be issued for the sole use and behalf of the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns.

Date _____	Signature of Assignor _____	Marie-Pierre LABEAU
Date _____	Signature of Assignor _____	Jean-Christophe CASTAING
Date _____	Signature of Assignor _____	Francis DOBLER
Date _____	Signature of Assignor _____	Cecile BONNET-GONNET
Date <u>March 21, 2001</u>	Signature of Assignor _____	 Dominique CHARMOT

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## ASSIGNMENT (JOINT)

THIS ASSIGNMENT, by MARIE-PIERRE LABEAU; JEAN-CHRISTOPHE CASTAING; FRANCIS DOBLER; CECILE BONNET-GONNET, and DOMINIQUE CHARMOT, residing at RESIDENCE LE SISLEY, APPARTEMENT 201, 27, AVENUE ANDRE MALRAUX, F-92300 LEVALLOIS-PERRET, France; 30, RUE PRADIER, F-75019 PARIS, France; IM GASSAKER 7, CH-8122 ABINZ, Suisse; 2 TER, PASSAGE DU CHEMIN VERT, F-75011 PARIS, France and 114 VIA LAGO RINCONADA HILLS, LOS GATOS, 95032 CA - Etats-Unis (hereinafter referred to as « the Assignors »), respectively, witnesseth :

WHEREAS, the Assignors have invented certain new and useful improvements in HEAT THICKENING COMPOSITION FOR COATING BATHS BASED ON A COPOLYMER HAVING A LOW CRITICAL SOLUBILITY TEMPERATURE set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States,

- (1) ☐ which is a provisional application
  - (a) ☐ to be filed herewith; or
  - (b) ☐ bearing Application No.      and filed on     ; or
- (2) ☒ which is a non-provisional application
  - (a) ☐ having an oath or declaration executed on even date herewith prior to filing of application;
  - (b) ☒ bearing Application No. 09/ and filed on     ;  
or
  - (c) ☐ to be filed; and

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Assignor \_\_\_\_\_  
Marie-Pierre LABEAU

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Jean-Christophe CASTAING

Date March 27, 2001 Signature of Assignor \_\_\_\_\_  
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